

MINUTES 2-25-08

Minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee held at the City of Newport Beach Police Department Auditorium, 870 Santa Barbara Drive, on **Monday, February 25, 2008.**

Members Present:

X	Nancy Gardner, Council Member	Х	Sandra Haskell
	Michael Henn, Council Member		Barry Allen
X	Bruce Asper	X	Kristine Adams
X	Dolores Otting, Vice Chair		Susan Knox - excused
X	Kimberly Jameson		Arlene Greer- excused
	Matt Wiley	X	Timothy Stoaks
X	Brent Cooper	X	Jennifer Winn
X	Laura Dietz		Ray Halowski- excused
X	Kenneth Drellishak, Chair	X	Barbara Thibault
	Laura Curran		Merritt Van Sant
X	Michael Smith	X	Robert Rush
X	Michael Pascale	X	John Moftakhar

Staff Representatives: Guests:

X	Ass't City Mgr. Sharon Wood	

Chairperson Ken Drellishak called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Brent Cooper announced that he has accepted the position of Community Development Director for the City of American Canyon, and is resigning from EQAC.

1. Minutes of January 14, 2008

Kristine Adams noted that her absence was excused. Dolores Otting moved to approve the minutes, with that correction. Bruce Asper seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

2. Presentation on Hyatt Regency Hotel

The project was presented by Ken Cruse of SunCal Investors, Cora Newman and Julie Cavanaugh of Government Solutions and Cal Woolsey, engineering consultant to Hyatt. The project will consist of 88 timeshare units, a ballroom for 800 guests and a spa. The Draft EIR has noted one significant unavoidable impact, construction noise from the drainage improvements in Jamboree Road.

Chair Drellishak assigned review of DEIR sections to subcommittee members.

Discussion of function and structure of EQAC

Council Member Gardner discussed her interest in the City taking action on energy and "green" issues, and asked if these issues should be added to EQAC's role, to supplement the Committee's role in DEIR review. After discussion, the consensus was to continue this item to March 17, 2008. Chair Drellishak asked the members to review the existing duties and structure of EQAC before that meeting, in preparation for the discussion.

4. Consideration of recommendation to City Council on polystyrene food packaging ban.

Robert Rush reported on his research on what other cities are doing on this issue. He will provide a summary of the information for the April meeting.

5. Coastal/Bay Water Quality Committee Representative's Report

Council Member Gardner reported that the committee reviewed a draft Water Conservation Ordinance and the potential for use of artificial turf.

6. Report from Staff on Current Projects

No report

7. Public Comments

Council Member Gardner reported on staff attendance at a green purchasing conference and things the City is already doing. Laura Dietz and John Moftakhar reported on a meeting of the Energy Subcommittee.

8. Future Agenda Items

March: Hyatt DEIR

Energy Subcommittee Strategic Plan and Recommendations

Function and structure of EQAC

Future: Project Presentations

9. Adjournment

Chair Drellishak adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

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